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**Subject:** 24 hours to Protect the Susquehanna!

Dear Protectors, Please make two phone calls by Wednesday 5 pm to protect the Susquehanna River! More Susquehanna info, including carpool and nonviolence training information, below -- along with a link to a great event in Swarthmore next Monday evening and a big shout-out of thanks for our frackdown smackdown party!

Thanks to your vigilant activism, we've been successful in keeping the fracking industry out of the Delaware River Basin. Our neighbors to the west, in the Susquehanna River Basin, are in a much worse situation. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission has been busy rubber-stamping four-year, multimillion gallon water withdrawal permits to fracking companies at each of its quarterly meetings. This accelerates fracking, and no cumulative impact study's been done. Some of the worst impacts from high-volume shale gas drilling, including the contamination in Dimock and in Bradford County, are in the Susquehanna River Basin.

After our victory in the Delaware, the resistance is spreading. At the last SRBC meeting in December a nonviolent disruption (a spirited, spoken poem, "We honor the river, we honor our lives") caused the rubber stamp vote to be taken improperly. Subsequent legal pressure from environmental organizations convinced the SRBC to re-vote on over 20 permits from December. That vote, as well as the vote for dozens more new fracking water withdrawal permits will be Thursday in Harrisburg.

We need you to **call** the SRBC commissioners in MD, PA, NY, and the Obama Administration, to urge **"no new permits" for water withdrawals for fracking** in the Susquehanna Basin. SRBC should not even consider one permit without a cumulative impact study, let alone approve permits for billions of gallons of consumptive water use for fracking. **24 hours left:** Please call by the close of business Wednesday, March 14th!

**The Phone Numbers:** Each Commissioner votes according to the Governor's preference. For extra influence call both the Governor and the Commissioner. Please be respectful, patient, and extremely clear in delivering your message!!! Please SHARE this alert for further impact. Thanks!

**1. Maryland Governor Martin J. O'Malley (410) 974-3901 or (800) 811-8336**

SRBC Commissioner: Dr. Robert M. Summers, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment **(410) 537-3084**  
**New York Governor Cuomo (518) 474-8390** (9 – 5 a live person answers) or you may have better luck with **(212) 681-4580**

**Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett (717) 787-2500** (8:30 AM – 6 PM live person answers)

**President Obama (202) 456-1111**

Obama's SRBC Commissioner: **Colonel Christopher Larsen**, Commander, North Atlantic Division

Amy Guise (is tabulating public comment for Colonel Larsen), Chief Civil Project Branch, Planning Division: **(410) 962-6138 or (410)-962-4545**

**What:** Call all four voting members of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) by Wednesday, March 14th at 5 pm!

**The Ask:** Urge the governors of MD, PA, NY and President Obama, through his Army Corps of Engineers Commissioner, to vote NO on any further permits to withdraw water for fracking in the Susquehanna River Basin. We stand united for a moratorium on water withdrawals.

**Why:** The SRBC plans to approve many billions of gallons of water withdrawals for fracking at their March 15th meeting, further accelerating the already rapid pace of high-volume slickwater hydraulic fracturing in the watershed. Surface and drinking water already contaminated by methane, heavy metals and toxic chemicals in multiple locations in the watershed has not been remediated. SRBC has not undertaken any cumulative impact study of fracking's life cycle impacts on the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay, which is already in critical condition and can't take any more abuse. Ninety percent of the water in the northern Chesapeake Bay comes from the Susquehanna River. Animal and human health is at risk, and the State of Pennsylvania doesn't even have a mechanism for residents to report health impacts from fracking!

When families' water supplies are destroyed, they cannot take care of their children and animals safely, or sell their homes. Finally, when the industry does settle a lawsuit and pay medical bills or buy devastated properties, they force a legal gag order of silence. An industry with this many toxic secrets to keep must be prevented from doing any further damage. The SRBC holds the reins for the Susquehanna River Basin, a gigantic and irreplaceable watershed. Please call the Commissioners now.

**Attending Thursday's SRBC Meeting in Harrisburg:** Protecting Our Waters is organizing activists to Harrisburg to attend the vote. There will be an opportunity for non-violent direct action as well. If you would like to attend the meeting in Harrisburg, here are the specifics:

•**What:** SRBC Meeting

**When:** Thursday, March 15, 2012, 8:30 AM

**Where:** North Office Building, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Level), North Street (at Commonwealth Avenue) Harrisburg, Pa.

17120

**POW's Greater Philly Trainpool / Carpool Coordinator:** Sarah Lowry, [sarahmlowry@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmlowry@gmail.com), (201) 214-2580

**NVDA Training:** There will be a training for non-violent direct action the night before the meeting in Harrisburg. Get more details and sign up for the training here: <http://savethesusquehanna.wordpress.com/sign-up-for-the-eventtraining/>

**2. UPCOMING Next Monday, March 19th: Please consider heading to Swarthmore to hear DAVID BRAUN,** President of UNITED FOR ACTION, speak about "The Greater Implications of Hydrofracking on our Communities, Environment and Future." David Braun was the co-MC at our Shale Gas Outrage demo in Philly and is a fantastic organizer and speaker.

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MONDAY, MARCH 19th, 7 pm

**Swarthmore College, Science Center 199**

Free public parking in DuPont Parking Lot, see campus map:

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/campusmap/>

**3. Our Frackdown Smackdown event -- "My Water's On Fire Tonight: Celebrating the Momentum of the Anti-Fracking Movement"** was wonderful in every way. Thanks to hosts Toni Ann Flanigan and Charlie Cooper, and the incredible volunteers, musicians and guests who made it great musically, spiritually, politically and financially. Even the "Out Wit the Frackers" beer was a great success.

p.s. To share the SOS Susquehanna alert in 1 step send this

link <http://protectingourwaters.wordpress.com/2012/03/09/urgent-four-days-four-phone-calls-to-protect-the-susquehanna/> and the brand new, beautiful <http://savethesusquehanna.wordpress.com/>

Thanks Protectors!,

Iris, abe, Poune, Jerry, Sarah, Sayantan, Loretta, Mordechai, Ann, Gerry and Liz for Protecting Our Waters

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"And when I asked the name of the river from the brakeman, and heard that it was called the Susquehanna, the beauty of the name seemed to be part and parcel of the beauty of the land..."

Robert Louis Stevenson

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